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Idaho Milk Production up 7.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2004 totaled 700 million pounds, a 7.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 5.7 percent from January 2004, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. February 2004 contains one more day than February 2003 due to the leap year. Adjusting February 2003 milk production to account for the extra day results in an increase of 4.0 percent from February 2003. Production for January 2004 totaled 742 million pounds, unchanged from the preliminary estimate and 5.1 percent above January 2003. Average milk production per cow in February 2004 was 1,700 pounds, up 50 pounds from February 2003, but down 100 pounds from January 2004. The average number of milk cows during February was 412,000 head, unchanged from the previous month, but 18,000 head more than February 2003.

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2003. However, adjusting last February's production to account for the additional day causes February milk production to be down 1.8 percent from last year. January revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was down 1.0 percent from January 2003. The January revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,531 pounds for February, 42 pounds above February 2003. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 91,000 head less than February 2003, but 4,000 head more than January 2004.

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